University Committee on Faculty Affairs

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2010


Ex Officio: Terry Curry, David Byelich.

Others: John Revitte, Donna Zischke.

Call to Order: Professor Moriarty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Dr. Hunt made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Dr. Zelevinsky. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Rodammer made a motion to approve the April 6, 2010 Minutes seconded by Dr. Dickson. The motion carried.

New Business:
A. Faculty Grievance Official – Annual Review
   Dr. Aben made a motion to approve the motion from the Personnel Policy Subcommittee seconded by Dr. Hunt. Dr. Jayaraman gave an overview of the survey – there is definite improvement in all areas handled by the Professor Revitte. The subcommittee made a very positive recommendation and also stated that he continue in his position. The motion passed. Professor Moriarty will write a cover letter and forward the subcommittee letter with her cover letter to the Provost.

B. UCFA Elections for Chair and Subcommittee Chairs
   Professor Nicholson made a motion to elect the UCFA chair now and suspend election of the subcommittee chairs until the fall semester meeting; Dr. Aben supported the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Aben nominated Professor Moriarty for chair, seconded by Dr. Rodammer. Dr. Anderson made a motion that the nominations be closed. The motions passed and Professor Moriarty was elected as UCFA chair for 2010-11. Dr. Aben made a motion that for the second half of the year, a committee member be identified who could potentially take on the role as chair for the following academic year; Dr. Nawyn seconded the motion. The motion carried. This will aid the transition from the 2010-11 committee into the 2011-12 academic year.

Old Business:
A. College of Human Medicine – Approval of New Departments
   Professor Moriarty will be reviewing this request during the summer, and her plan is that UCFA will continue reviewing this information during the fall semester and make a recommendation then. She also plans to meet with the UCFA reps from the medical schools and discuss the request and its possible repercussions.
B. **A Prospectus for an MSU CARE Program**

Professor Moriarty thanked both John Powell and Bill Davidson for their tenacity and continuing faith that something real will come from their hard work. A motion was made by Dr. Aben to endorse the **MSU CARE Program** (the name at this time) and Dr. Hunt seconded. Dr. Powell fielded a question and answer session. The motion carried. Professor Moriarty also thanked David Byelich, Shawn Nichols, and Jerry Aben for their time spent on the Health Care Committee.

C. **Academic Calendar**

Professor Moriarty said she would forward a copy to UCFA of the full report that has the entire rationale of the reasons for the proposed academic calendar change. So, at this time, UCFA won’t vote on this proposal, but support the idea of looking further into the calendar changed.

**Other Questions:** No other questions were noted.

**Announcements:**

A. Deborah Moriarty
   1. Professor Moriarty reported the Civility Statement was passed by USCA as UCFA passed it with the one grammatical exception. That was changed and goes to Academic Council today for a vote.
   2. Faculty Council – unanimous support of the UCFA market statement with suggestion that the difficult economic environment of this state be addressed in the background.
   3. There was concern for the disbandment of the deaf education program at MSU.
B. Terry Curry – had no comment.
C. John Revitte – had no comment.
D. David Byelich – had no comment.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Budget:**   *Shawn Nicholson, Chairperson*   No subcommittee report.
**Personnel Policy:**   *K. (Jay) Jayaraman, Chairperson*   No subcommittee report.

Dr. Nawyn made a motion to adjourn seconded by Dr. Hunt. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** UCFA adjourned to subcommittees at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elva Boyles
Recording Secretary